

HOUSE BILL 8010 of the Second Extraordinary Session

By Dixie

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 12; Title 38;
Title 39; Title 58 and Title 68, relative to law
enforcement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 1, is amended by creating the following new part:

(a) An officer or agent of a state or local law enforcement agency or any other person vested with the authority to make arrests in this state shall not arrest a person while on duty during a protest or demonstration unless the officer, agent, or person is:

(1) Participating in an authorized undercover operation or otherwise authorized to wear plain clothes while on duty; or

(2) Wearing a uniform or insignia that clearly identifies:

(A) The agency for which the arresting officer, agent, or person works; and

(B) The name or badge number of the arresting officer, agent, or person.

(b) If such an officer, agent, or person makes an arrest while off duty or otherwise not in compliance with subsection (a), the officer, agent, or person shall present the arrestee with the information required by subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.